

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification, Fig. 14 and claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 19 and 20 are amended as suggested by the Office Action. Claims 8, 10, 14-16 and 18 are amended for clarity. No new matter is added.

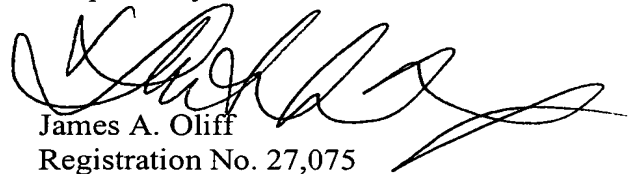
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 1, 4-8, 11-16 and 19 are allowed. As further set forth below, Applicants submit that all of claims 1-20 are allowable.

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for minor informalities. Because claims 2, 9, 10 and 20 are amended to correct these minor informalities as suggested by the Office Action, this rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 9, 10 and 20, and claims 3, 17 and 18 depending therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. §112.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the Application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Attachment: Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections

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